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Executive Summary

Since the submittal of the previous Progress Report ending April 30, 2023, Community Offshore Wind (COSW) has continued the development of Lease Area OCS-A 0539 in a responsible manner. This includes continued engagement with Tribes/Tribal Nations, commercial and recreational fisheries, federal and state agencies, and all other stakeholders to (re)introduce the COSW Project (Project) and Project team, to provide an overview and update on the development of the Project, and to solicit feedback.

In October 2023, COSW was provisionally awarded a contract with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) for a 1.3-gigawatt project, making landfall in Brooklyn, New York, and connecting to the ConEd Hub. Additional detail on the Project is available on NYSERDAs website: <u>https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Offshore-Wind/Focus-Areas/NY-Offshore-Wind-Projects</u>.

A summary of the engagement activities held with Tribes/Tribal Nations is provided in Section 2, below. A summary of stakeholder engagement is provided in Section 3, with Fisheries engagement presented in Section 3.1, Agency engagement presented in Section 3.2, and other stakeholder engagement presented in Section 3.3. COSW also continued site characterization and survey activities, which will support the continued development of the Project, with additional information provided in Section 4.

For additional information on the Project, and to sign-up for our monthly newsletter, please visit our website: <u>https://communityoffshorewind.com/</u>



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Acronyms and Abbreviations

BOEM	Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
СОР	Construction and Operations Plan
COSW	Community Offshore Wind
COSW Project (Project)	the Community Offshore Wind Project
EJ	environmental justice
EMF	electromagnetic field
GW	gigawatt
IHA	Incidental Harassment Authorization
km	kilometers
mi	miles
NATCP	Native American Tribal Communications Plan
NOAA Fisheries	National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration National Marine Fisheries
	Service
nm	nautical miles
NJ	New Jersey
NJDEP	New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
NY	New York
NYC	New York City
NYB	New York Bight
NYSDEC	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
NYSDOS	New York State Department of State
NYSDOT	New York State Department of Transportation
NYSDPS	New York State Department of Public Service
OCS	outer continental shelf
PSO	protected species observer
RETI	Resilience, Education, Training, and Innovation
RSA	Research Set-Aside Program
SLVIA	Seascape, Landscape, and Visual Impact Assessment
USCG	United States Coast Guard
USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service



1 Purpose and Background

1.1 Purpose

In accordance with Lease Stipulation 3.1, Community Offshore Wind (COSW) must submit a Progress Report to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) every six months, starting from the Effective Date on the Lease on through approval of the Construction and Operations Plan (COP). This report covers the third six-month period, from May 1, 2023, to October 31, 2023. The purpose of this Progress Report is to document overall project progress and engagement activities undertaken with Tribes/Tribal Nations, communities, ocean user groups, the general public, and other stakeholder groups throughout the reporting period, in addition to COSW's plans for continued engagement.

1.2 Lessee Information

Community Offshore Wind, LLC, a joint venture of RWE and National Grid, proposes to develop the COSW Project (COSW Project, Project), under the BOEM Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf (Lease Area OCS-A 0539; Lease Area).

Additional information about COSW can be found on our website: <u>https://communityoffshorewind.com/</u>.

1.3 Lease Description

Lease Area OCS-A 0539 encompasses approximately 125,964 acres (50,976 hectares) and is located approximately 37 miles (mi; 32 nautical miles [nm]; 60 kilometers [km]) from the closest point on land in New Jersey (NJ) and approximately 64 mi (56 nm; 104 km) from the closest point on land in New York (NY). Water depths within the Lease Area range from 98-171 feet (30-52 meters) mean lower low water. The location of Lease Area OCS-A 0539 is shown on Figure 1, below.



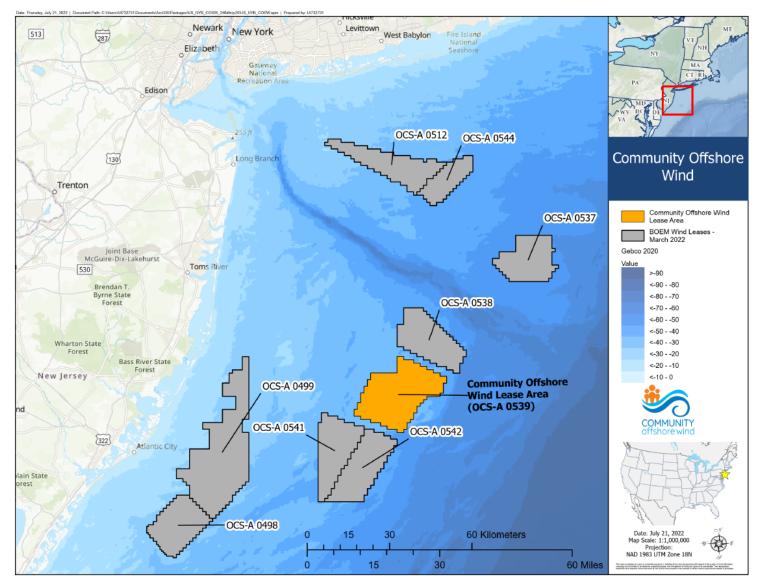


Figure 1 Lease Area OCS-A 0539



2 Tribes/Tribal Nations Engagement

COSW believes it is important to recognize Tribes/Tribal Nations as the original and continuing stewards of the lands and waters in which we work. We acknowledge and respect the enduring historical, cultural, and personal connections between Tribes/Tribal Nations to the region, both those Tribes/Tribal Nations currently residing in the region and those that were removed from it. We believe that the insights and knowledge of Tribes/Tribal Nations can and should play an important role in the clean energy transition, to help ensure that offshore renewable energy is developed in an environmentally, socially, and culturally sustainable manner.

A summary of engagement activities held and anticipated to be held over the next reporting period, with Tribes/Tribal Nations is provided in Section 2.1 through 2.4, below. These sections provide an overview of engagement with potentially affected federally recognized.

2.1 Overall Tribes/Tribal Nations Engagement Progress Since Last Report

Since the submittal of the previous Progress Report dated April 30, 2023, COSW's engagement with Tribes/Tribal Nations has included both independent engagement/outreach and participation in joint-lessee engagement activities as part of the development of the New York Bight (NYB) Joint Native American Tribal Communications Plan (NATCP). COSW's independent engagement included offering to travel and meet with individual Tribes/Tribal Nations in person and/or virtually to introduce the Project team and discuss the proposed offshore wind Project. COSW also responded to requests for information made by Tribes/Tribal Nations during the 2023 geophysical pre-survey meeting held during the last reporting period.

Joint engagement activities include meeting with BOEM and Tribes/Tribal Nations to discuss the outline of the Joint NATCP and follow-up meetings with the Tribes/Tribal Nations to refine the content of the Joint NATCP document.

A summary of the engagement activities held with Tribes/Tribal Nations is provided in Table 1, below.



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s)/Tribal Nations	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
Invitation for Tribes/Tribal Nations to schedule COSW- Tribal Government Meetings	Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, Delaware Nation, Delaware Tribe of Indians, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, Narragansett Indian Tribe, Shawnee Tribe, Shinnecock Indian Nation, Stockbridge- Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)	Invitations sent via email and certified mail to schedule meetings/visits with COSW senior leadership and permitting teams to introduce COSW, the Project, and listen to Tribal government concerns, recommendations, perspectives, etc.	 Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation: Responded expressing interest in consulting about the Project and offered to arrange a tour of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe museum. The Project team accepted the invitation to travel to the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Museum for a tour; a response has not yet been received. Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe: Responded stating the Tribe was interested in consulting on the NYB Project. Shawnee Tribe: Received email notifications informing COSW that "The Project is out of the Shawnee Tribe's area of interest." COSW will no longer reach out to Shawnee Tribe.
Request for support regarding Papscanee Island Vestas Blade Factory concerns	Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians	The Tribe raised concerns about Vestas' proposed wind turbine blade factory on Papscanee Island in the Hudson River and requested to discuss ways COSW could help preserve Papscanee Island for future generations of Stockbridge-Munsee citizens.	COSW responded to the Tribes via email.

Table 1Tribes/Tribal Nations Engagement During Reporting Period



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s)/Tribal Nations	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
NYB Joint NATCP Meeting Convened by BOEM	Delaware Tribe of Indians, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Shinnecock Indian Nation, Stockbridge- Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians ¹	Meeting convened by BOEM between all six NYB Lessees and federally recognized Tribes/Tribal Nations to discuss a Joint NATCP to be developed and implemented by the six NYB Lessees.	Tribes/Tribal Nations provided recommendations on the content and structure of a Joint NATCP. Tribes/Tribal Nations committed to providing comments on the Joint NATCP outline. NYB Lessees would then develop a draft NATCP based on Tribes'/Tribal Nations' comments and share the draft NATCP document for review and comment.
Additional certifications for Protected Species Observer (PSO) Employment	Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)	COSW followed up with the two Tribes regarding comments and questions provided during the pre- survey meeting related to additional training and certifications required for Tribe members with PSO training certificates to pursue careers as PSOs in the offshore wind industry.	COSW had a virtual meeting with the workforce innovation and opportunity act program manager at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe to discuss the additional training and certifications Tribe members with PSO certificates would need to become fully employable as PSOs.
Incidental Harassment Application (IHA) meeting invitation	Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe	In response to a request made during the April 2023 pre-survey meeting, COSW provided the Tribe with an overview of the IHA application process and offered to have a	Representatives from the Tribe have yet to respond to the meeting invitation.



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s)/Tribal Nations	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
		virtual meeting to review an IHA application.	
Alternative NATCP schedule and extending Joint NATCP Outline Comment Period	Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, Delaware Nation, Delaware Tribe of Indians, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, Narragansett Indian Tribe, Shinnecock Indian Nation, Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)	NYB Lessees sent joint email and letter to Tribes/Tribal Nations extending the comment period on the NYB Joint NATCP and offering an alternative draft NATCP delivery schedule.	The Tribes/Tribal Nations did not respond to the email or letter.
Draft Joint NATCP and Meeting Invitation	Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, Delaware Nation, Delaware Tribe of Indians, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, Narragansett Indian Tribe, Shinnecock Indian Nation, Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)	American Clean Power, on behalf of the six NYB Lessees, submitted a draft NATCP document to the Tribes/Tribal Nations and invited them to a meeting to discuss the document.	Delaware Tribe of Indians: Requested an alternative date and time, and a meeting between the NYB Lessees and the Tribe was scheduled.
Draft NATCP Discussion Meeting	Delaware Tribe of Indians ¹	The six NYB Lessees met with the Delaware Tribe's	NYB Lessees agreed to revise/update Joint NATCP to reflect comments made by the Delaware Tribe's



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s)/Tribal Nations	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
		Historic Preservation Office to discuss the Joint NATCP. Discussion topics included defining "meaningful consultation"; incorporating Traditional Knowledge into lessee decision making; and engaging with Tribes/Tribal Nations as sovereign government, not stakeholders.	Historic Preservation Office and resubmit NATCP for review and implementation.
Draft NATCP Discussion Meeting	Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) ¹	The six NYB Lessees met with representatives from three Tribes/Tribal Nations to discuss the draft NATCP document. Discussion topics included defining "meaningful consultation"; importance of early engagement; workforce development; incorporating Traditional Knowledge into studies and decisions and compensating Tribes/Tribal Nations for their contributions; and	NYB Lessees agreed to revise/update Joint NATCP to reflect comments made by Tribes/Tribal Nations and resubmit NATCP for review and implementation.



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s)/Tribal Nations	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
		importance of respecting Tribal sovereignty.	
Revised NATCP Submission	Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, Delaware Nation, Delaware Tribe of Indians, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, Narragansett Indian Tribe, Shinnecock Indian Nation, Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)	Revised NYB Joint NATCP sent to Tribes/Tribal Nations.	Begin implementation of commitments in NYB Joint NATCP.

¹Invitations were sent to the following Tribes/Tribal Nations: Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, Shawnee Tribe, Delaware Tribe of Indians, Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, The Delaware Nation, The Narragansett Indian Tribe, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, The Shinnecock Indian Nation, Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, and the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah).



2.2 Identification of Potential Project Effects Related to Tribes/Tribal Nations Interests

Tribes/Tribal Nations continued to express concerns about potential environmental and cultural resource impacts from development of offshore wind projects in the NYB. Specifically, representatives from Tribes/Tribal Nations discussed/requested additional information on acoustic impacts to marine mammal; physical impacts to submerged ancient landscape features during construction of offshore wind infrastructure; and potential impacts to fish and shellfish species that Tribal citizens harvest as part of culturally and economically import subsistence practices.

During independent and joint engagement activities, Tribes/Tribal Nations repeatedly expressed concerns about growing capacity and funding issues related to their participation in offshore wind engagement activities, federal environmental and cultural resource reviews, and government-to-government consultations. The Tribes/Tribal Nations expressed concerns about having sufficient staff and resources to engage with lessees in a meaningful way. Tribes/Tribal Nations conveyed that, as sovereign governments and keepers of important traditional ecological and cultural knowledge, they should play an important role in the development of offshore wind projects but need additional resources from lessees and the federal government.

During the Joint NATCP meeting convened by BOEM on May 15, 2023 and in subsequent engagements, Tribes/Tribal Nations expressed concerns about potential impacts to environmental, social, and cultural resources from the development of the offshore wind industry, from specific projects as well development of the offshore wind supply chain. The Stockbridge Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians concerns about potential impacts to significant archaeological and cultural resources by the development of Vestas' proposed wind turbine blade factory on Papscanee Island in the Hudson River was cited as an example of potential impacts from the wider offshore wind industry. The Tribes/Tribal Nations see a role for offshore wind project developers in ensuring that their projects and supply chains are developed in an environmentally, socially, and culturally sustainable way.

Tribes/Tribal Nations continued to note the potential positive effects of the offshore wind industry, with Tribes/Tribal Nations being given the opportunity to take advantage of protected species observer (PSO) training programs, which could provide members with employment opportunities on projects across the US and around the world. Concerns, however, were noted on the ability to access the additional training required to fully utilize the PSO certificate and requested that the offshore wind industry work together to address and support Tribe members in becoming fully employable as PSOs. In addition, Tribes/Tribal Nations are interested in exploring workforce development and business opportunities for their citizens as well as opportunities for investment in Tribal lead environmental, educational, and cultural programs.

2.3 Tribes/Tribal Nations Feedback on Export Cable Planning

COSW continued the development of the export cable routing required to connect the wind farm into the electric grid. As the routes were not at a stage to share, engagement with Tribes/Tribal Nations on export cable routing to solicit feedback and recommendations did not occur.



2.4 Anticipated or Scheduled Tribes/Tribal Nations Engagement Activities

During the next reporting period, COSW anticipates the following engagement:

- COSW will offer to provide an overview on the 1.3-gigawatt (GW) Project provisionally awarded by NYSERDA in October 2023.
- COSW intends to commence engagement with the Tribes/Tribal Nations on the preliminary draft export cable routing in Q4 2023, to solicit feedback and recommendations.
- COSW will continue to offer introductory engagement meetings with each of the Tribes/Tribal Nations at their government offices and/or Tribal Councils, to introduce the COSW team, provide an overview of the Project, and listen to Tribal government concerns and recommendations.
- COSW will participate in joint NYB engagement activities, as described within the NATCP, which are likely to include participating in NYB Group Meetings between lessees and Tribes/Tribal Nations to provide updates, respond to questions, and listen to recommendations and concerns from Tribes/Tribal Nations.



3 Engagement with Potentially Affected Parties

COSW believes that coordination and engagement with all stakeholders is crucial to the success of an offshore wind project and is committed to an "early and often" approach to help ensure that the Project is developed in an environmentally, socially, and culturally sustainable manner for all. Starting prior to the effective date of Lease OCS-A 0539, COSW began to identify and engage with various types of stakeholders, identified as potentially interested in or affected by offshore wind and the Project. In support of the stakeholder engagement strategy, a list of stakeholders which are potentially applicable to the development, construction, and operations of an offshore wind farm in the NYB was developed and can be found in Appendix A. This list is intended to be a "living" document and will be updated throughout the process, as additional stakeholders are identified.

Since the submittal of the previous Progress Report dated April 30, 2023, COSW has continued to reach out to stakeholders to introduce the Project and Project team, to provide an overview of the Project, and to solicit feedback. A summary of the engagement activities held with Commercial and Recreational Fisheries is provided in Section 3.1, a summary of Agency engagement presented in Section 3.2, and a summary of other stakeholder engagement presented in Section 3.3.

3.1 Summary of Commercial and Recreational Fisheries Engagement Activities

3.1.1 Overall Engagement Progress Since Last Report

Since the submittal of the previous Progress Report dated April 30, 2023, COSW had 155 direct engagements with over 270 fishery participants and stakeholders. The majority of engagements were with commercial fixed gear fishermen, primarily the lobster fleet, and focused on coordination and accommodation of fishing activities with the Project's survey operations in potential export cable corridors. The team continues to take a broad approach to engagement with a full range of potentially interested parties as detailed in Table 2. Engagement strategies included in-person meetings, text messages, phone and video calls, information distribution, small group meetings, large group virtual and in-person presentations with multiple participants, as well as research symposia.

COSW's two Fisheries Technical Advisors/Fisheries Representatives also play an important role in engaging with and communicating the concerns and perspectives of their respective fisheries to the Project and had an additional 191 direct engagements during the reporting period. Additionally, members of the Project team virtually attended various regional fisheries management council meetings to maintain awareness of issues of importance to fisheries participants and stakeholders.

COSW is aware of the engagement burden on fisheries participants and stakeholders. The fisheries team has tried to balance the frequency of repeated outreach to individuals and groups with the need to understand and accurately convey fisheries characteristics, operations, and perspectives to the larger Project team, as well as promote coordination between fisheries and site investigation activities. Exploring efficient and effective communication methods remains a focus of our conversations with fisheries participants.



COSW continues to participate with other developers in the NYB fisheries coordination work group, a sub-group of the American Clean Power Fisheries Subcommittee. Together, this group is actively working to develop approaches for coordinated engagement and outreach to fisheries participants, managers, and agencies to promote efficient and effective engagement. COSW coordinated and provided an introductory presentation regarding the work group's objectives and activities to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council during its June meeting. Several work group members provided individual Project updates to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council during the session. The first edition of the work group's "Developers Digest" was included in briefing materials and focused on introducing each project's fisheries liaisons. COSW also coordinated a presentation from the work group to the New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council's Offshore Wind Committee and Advisory Panel. Workgroup members provided brief overviews of their projects and solicited feedback on objectives and future opportunities for dialogue with the committee.

COSW and several other NYB fisheries work group developers continue to include one another's fisheries liaisons in electronic distribution of fisheries and mariners' notices to help improve coordination and awareness of adjacent survey operations. Additionally, fisheries workgroup members have coordinated the exchange of fixed gear locations that fishermen have given permission to share among developers, to facilitate avoidance of gear interactions during survey operations.

COSW also participates in the American Clean Power Association's Fisheries Subcommittee biweekly virtual meetings, which serve as a broader forum for discussion and coordination on fisheries topics relevant to multiple regions. COSW attended the American Clean Power Association's Annual Offshore WINDPOWER conference and used this as an opportunity to coordinate with other NYB developers on a variety of regionally specific topics. Participated in a panel focused on co-existence of offshore wind development, including fisheries, navigation, military operations, and other ocean uses.

COSW also recently entered into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement with the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries), the first such agreement between an offshore wind developer and the agency. The focus of this collaboration is to share knowledge and expertise to inform the development of regionally relevant monitoring approaches that will support important elements of the NOAA Fisheries/BOEM Federal Survey Mitigation Strategy.

A summary of the engagement activities held with commercial and recreational fisheries participants and stakeholders is provided in Table 2, below. Please note that the majority of engagement activities cover multiple topics and do not have a single focus.

3.1.2 Identification of Potential Project Effects Related to Parties

COSW has identified several categories of potential Project effects raised by fisheries participants and stakeholders during this reporting period:

• <u>Ecological</u>: Potential effects of repeated survey activities on fish and <u>invertebrate</u> behavior/movement and adult scallop mortality ("clappers"), potential effects of



construction on nearshore fisheries habitats, effects of survey equipment on marine wildlife, effects of construction on fisheries-independent resource surveys and opportunities to mitigate those effects.

- <u>Safety</u>: Potential effects of turbine spacing on operation of mobile gear fisheries within the Lease Area.
- <u>Access and Economics</u>: Ability of recreational and commercial vessels to fish within the Lease Area post-construction, potential effects of Project development on shoreside businesses, future of fishing as offshore wind development continues.

The Project team continues to integrate fisheries participant and stakeholder feedback into the overall Project development and is actively working to incorporate concerns identified during this and previous reporting periods into Project design and development.

3.1.3 Feedback from Parties on Export Cable Planning

COSW continued the development of the export cable routing required to connect the wind farm into the electric grid. The Project team has engaged local captains with current and historical knowledge of the bottom types and fishing patterns inshore of the Lease Area as part of its export cable route investigation and survey planning and is working to incorporate important fishing areas and fisheries habitats into the export cable planning process. COSW is also actively conducting extensive outreach to subsea cable owners with assets in the offshore export cable planning area to coordinate the Project's geotechnical survey activities and inform development of offshore export cable routes.



Focus of Discussion or Follow-up Actions, Activities, Engagement Party(ies) **Summary of Engagement Activities Outcomes** All Parties Electronic distribution of fisheries Expansion of contact list for Planned survey activities distribution of future fisheries notices and Lease Area maps. within Lease Area **Commercial and Recreational** notices and coordination of fishing fisheries participants and • Direct communication regarding and survey activities. stakeholders: academic and seasonal patterns of commercial mobile research institutions and and fixed-gear fishing operations and • Provided information on potential programs; state and federal transit, seasonal and port-specific foroverlap of commercial and for-hire agencies; resource survey hire and private recreational fishing activities and transits to managers; fisheries liaisons fishing/transit patterns, and potential survey crew and scientific party and representatives, regional overlap with survey activities. during survey campaign kickoff fishery management councils meetings and daily briefings. Direct coordination with resource • survey managers and communication Communications with survey with researchers. managers prior to onset of resource surveys to share sampling locations/coordinates and facilitate any co-occurring operations. Recreational Direct communication and/or discussion of Communication and Compiled a list of literature and the following: potential resources on EMF and engagement Recreational fishermen: approaches emailed to concerned individuals. Tackle or recreational Concerns regarding electromagnetic • industry; Charter/for-hire field (EMF) effects on fish Priority issues for Responded to previous concerns • fishermen; Recreational behavior/migration, effects of turbines recreational related to potential leaks of turbine fishing association on larval distribution, impacts of drift community lubricants. from sediment plumes during **Opportunities** for Integrate feedback on outreach into construction. collaboration future local community engagement Lack of engagement from specific efforts. developers with local elected officials

Table 2Engagement with Commercial and Recreational Fisheries Participants and Stakeholders During Reporting Period



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
		 and communities in advance of landbased construction activities. Implications of unsuccessful engagement efforts with recreational fishing community in New England on outreach in NYB, opportunities for recreational community to provide meaningful input at key decision points. Concerns that developers conducting survey activities are not being held accountable to survey permit conditions. Opportunities to support industry through community access to recreational fishing. 	 Worked with Project's Community Outreach team to provide underserved youth recreational fishing opportunities on a local New Jersey head boat. Participate in facilitated industry-to- industry engagement initiative between developers and recreational community.
 Regional coordination of survey operations with fisheries Potential biological effects of survey activities Opportunities for collaboration 	<u>Commercial</u> Commercial fishermen; Fleet owners/managers; Fishing associations; Seafood processors	 Direct communication and discussion of the following: Fishing industry concerns regarding regional communication and coordination of developer survey activities with the lobster fleet and potential for gear loss given the large number of concurrent surveys. Difficulty/confusion tracking which survey vessels belong to which Project, and suggestions for effective communication with lobster fleet. 	 Continue working with engineering team to incorporate concerns regarding layout, and export cable routing into Project design. Expanded export cable corridor study area to optimize flexibility to coordinate with fisheries and other uses. Tailor communication methods to individual fishermen. Incorporated feedback on seasonality and location of lobster



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
		 Seasonality, locations, area closures, and gear configurations of inshore and offshore lobster and gillnet fleets and ideal timing for survey activities. Potential effects of survey activities on behavior and movements of fish and lobsters. Opportunities for industry to participate in data collection efforts. Potential effects of survey activities on observations of sea scallop mortality ("clappers"). Opportunities to support industry through community access to local seafood. 	 and gillnet fleet activities into survey operations planning. Develop monitoring and research programs that include roles for industry and explore options to provide support with vessel assurance process. Participated in facilitated webinar meeting with scallop industry representatives, developers, scientists, and fisheries managers to discuss scallop mortality observations. Coordinated a donation of locally harvested, locally processed seafood to 10 New Jersey area hunger relief organizations with Project's Community Outreach team during Hunger Awareness Month (June), with a follow-up donation during Hunger Action Month (September).
 Monitoring and research approaches Stakeholder engagement Fisheries compensation 	State and federal agencies	 Regular calls with agencies to share information and discuss topics including: Site investigation activity updates. Fisheries monitoring and research approaches and best practices, survey technology and design. 	 Incorporate feedback from conversations into development of fishery resource monitoring and research, and approaches to avoidance and mitigation. Continued participation in fisheries compensation fund development



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
		 Project-specific vs. regional monitoring, opportunities/feasibility of developer coordination in NYB. Regional coordination of fisheries stakeholder engagement and updates on fisheries participants' concerns. Integration of federal and state resource management priorities, opportunities for developer support through research, monitoring, and/or mitigation approaches. Regional fisheries compensation fund development. 	through American Clean Power Fisheries Subcommittee.
 Existing monitoring, research, and extension initiatives Regional cross- project monitoring Opportunities for collaboration and partnerships 	Academic or research institutes and programs	 Participated in working group and advisory body meetings of regional research collaboratives (Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative, Responsible Offshore Science Alliance). Discussed challenges and opportunities of cross-project regional monitoring, coordination with other regional initiatives and existing monitoring, logistics of implementation Discussed partnership opportunities with regional entities focused on collaboration with industry and promotion of seafood marketing initiatives. 	 Integrate feedback from discussions into development of Project monitoring and research programs. Scheduled follow-up discussions based on initial contacts and conversations.



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
		 Potential application of non-invasive sampling techniques to Project monitoring. Discussed factors contributing to observations of scallop mortality. Explored feasibility of third-party entity to collate/analyze survey data across NYB developers. 	
Partnership opportunities	Environmental nongovernmental organizations	 Discussed approach and philosophy regarding avoidance and mitigation of Project effects. Discussed regional research and monitoring needs and potential partnership opportunities. Discussed need for regional datasharing approaches. Discussed opportunities and challenges of fishing vessel participation in research/monitoring. 	 Integrate feedback from conversations into development of monitoring and research program. Schedule future meetings to advance specific research questions and collaborations.
 Project overview and introductions Coordination of Project survey activities with asset owners 	Other commercial industry services	 Discussed Project overview, benthic and geotechnical survey operations with undersea cable asset owners. Discussed protocols for advanced notice and coordination of benthic and geotechnical sampling activities with undersea asset owners. 	• Incorporation of feedback into survey planning, sampling locations, and operations.



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
NYB developer fisheries coordination	Regional fishery management council	 Discussed planning/scheduling for NYB fisheries coordination workgroup participation and attendance at Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council June Offshore Wind Update session. Virtual attendance at New England Fishery Management Council Scallop Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program Share Day. In-person attendance of New England Fishery Management Council Scallop Plan Development Team meeting. 	 Incorporate feedback received into future NYB fisheries coordination workgroup objectives and engagement. Integrate Scallop RSA research project results and opportunities into development of Project research/monitoring. Continue to track status and health of scallop resource.
 Survey activities Safety and design 	 Fisheries liaisons Fisheries representatives 	 Team calls to discuss survey activities and Project development. Frequent direct communications regarding survey vessel activities, current and upcoming fishing operations within and inshore of Lease Area. Industry feedback and concerns regarding ability to safely operate within wind farms. Opportunities for commercial vessels to serve in support roles for monitoring and research. 	 Incorporation and communication of feedback to Project site investigation team and survey crews. Integration of feedback into other Project workstreams. Integration of feedback in development of roles for industry in data collection, development of vessel assurance process.



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting	Academic or research institutions	 Discussed monitoring and research studies, tools, and results related to offshore wind with scientists and researchers. Attended "Offshore Wind, Fish, and Fisheries – Emerging Knowledge and Applications" symposium; participated in post-presentation discussion with researchers and developers regarding feasibility of coordinated regional monitoring. Attended sessions focused on fisheries monitoring tools and stakeholder engagement. 	 Incorporation of lessons learned from other offshore wind project monitoring studies into research and monitoring plan. Consideration of new tools and approaches in development of research and monitoring plan.
New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council Offshore Wind Committee and Advisory Panel	State or federal agency	Introductory webinar presentation from NYB fisheries coordination work group to committee and advisors.	Answered questions and solicited feedback on work group objectives and opportunities for continued dialogue.
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council	Regional fishery management council or commission	In-person introductory presentation regarding NYB fisheries coordination work group objectives, Project-specific updates to Council from workgroup partners.	Solicited Council feedback on workgroup objectives, topics for future updates.
AFloat – American Floating Offshore Wind Technical Conference	Academic or research institution	Attended conference and served as panelist for session focused on coexistence of fisheries with floating offshore wind.	Incorporation of feedback and lessons learned into future engagement approaches.



3.1.4 Anticipated or Scheduled Engagement Activities

During the next reporting period, COSW anticipates the following engagement:

- COSW will continue outreach and coordination regarding upcoming survey activities with commercial and recreational fisheries stakeholders and participants, fisheries survey managers, fishery managers, subsea asset owners, and the United States Coast Guard (USCG), particularly as the Project continues offshore export cable planning and develops lease area layout alternatives.
- COSW will continue to participate in the NYB fisheries workgroup of the industry trade association to increase coordination among lessees, which will enable more efficient engagement opportunities for fisheries stakeholders.
- COSW will continue to develop monitoring and research programs in collaboration with academic and research institutions and state and federal fisheries agency partners, that includes exploration of coordinated regional approaches with other developers and development of opportunities for interested fisheries participants.
- COSW will continue to engage with other developers and representatives of the commercial and recreational fishing industries to improve coordination and communication.
- COSW plans to attend the upcoming Annual Meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, upcoming trade shows, collaborative research summits and/or workshops, and regional research symposia as appropriate.

3.2 Summary of Agency Engagement Activities

3.2.1 Overall Engagement Progress Since Last Report

Since the submittal of the previous Progress Report dated April 30, 2023, COSW held the first biannual inter-agency meeting, which provided an opportunity for the Agencies to hear from the Project team, receive an update on the Project, to provide any important information, and to provide feedback and recommendations. This meeting was intended to supplement regular engagement with individual Agencies.

COSW also held a series of meeting with federal and state agencies to solicit feedback and recommendations on the preliminary offshore export cable routing.

COSW also regularly engaged with BOEM, meeting on an as-needed basis.

A summary of the engagement activities held with Agencies is provided in Table 3, below.



Table 3Engagement with Agencies During Reporting Period

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
Regular Meetings held with BOEM	BOEM	Regularly scheduled meetings were held with BOEM to discuss the development of the Lease Area and relevant Lease Stipulations. Specifically, COSW discussed the status of the communications plans, survey plans, COP strategy, NOI checklist, anticipated Project timeline, and the PEIS, among other items.	COSW to continue providing BOEM with regular Project updates.
Biannual Interagency Meeting	 BOEM NOAA Fisheries United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) USCG United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) New York State Department of Environmental 	COSW provided a Project overview, updates on the schedule and export cable routes, discussed the geophysical, geotechnical, and benthic survey activities, presented on the fisheries outreach process, and introduced the fisheries technical advisors and liaisons.	 COSW to: Schedule individual meetings with agencies to discuss export cable routing. Schedule individual meetings with agencies to discuss specific topics, such as air quality and anticipated emissions and bird and bat monitoring studies.



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
	Conservation (NYSDEC) New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) New York State Department of Public Service (NYSDPS) Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution		
Offshore Export Cable Review	USACE	COSW reviewed and discussed updated offshore export cable routing and constraints and received feedback for future revisions to offshore export cable routes.	COSW to consider and incorporate, as feasible, received feedback on offshore export cable routing.
Benthic Protocol	NOAA Fisheries	COSW discussed the Benthic Protocol submitted for the Project.	COSW to provide a figure depicting the first geophysical campaign survey locations with a NOAA nautical chart base map prior to next interagency meeting.
Offshore Export Cable Review	USACE – PA District	COSW reviewed and discussed updated offshore export cable routing and constraints and received feedback for future revisions to offshore export cable routes.	COSW to consider and incorporate, as feasible, received feedback on offshore export cable routing.



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
Offshore Export Cable Review	USCG	COSW reviewed and discussed updated offshore export cable routing and constraints and received feedback for future revisions to offshore export cable routes.	COSW to consider and incorporate, as feasible, received feedback on offshore export cable routing.
Offshore Export Cable Review	USACE – NY District	COSW reviewed and discussed updated offshore export cable routing and constraints and received feedback for future revisions to offshore export cable routes.	COSW to consider and incorporate, as feasible, received feedback on offshore export cable routing.
Offshore Export Cable Review	 New York State Department of State (NYSDOS) NYSDEC NYSDPS 	COSW reviewed and discussed updated offshore export cable routing and constraints and received feedback for future revisions to offshore export cable routes.	COSW to consider and incorporate, as feasible, received feedback on offshore export cable routing.
Offshore Export Cable Review	NJDEP	COSW reviewed and discussed updated offshore export cable routing and constraints and received feedback for future revisions to offshore export cable routes.	COSW to consider and incorporate, as feasible, received feedback on offshore export cable routing. NJDEP to provide COSW an artificial reef deployment shapefile for consideration.
State Waters Geotechnical Pre-Application Meeting	USACENYSDOSNYSDEC	COSW reviewed and discussed the activities to be proposed within the soon to be submitted Joint Permit Application for geotechnical activities within NY state waters.	 COSW to: Finalize the application, incorporating the feedback and information requests received.



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
			 NYSDEC to: Provide application materials for COSW to utilize for submittal.
Offshore Export Cable Review	NOAA Fisheries	COSW reviewed and discussed updated offshore export cable routing and constraints and received feedback for future revisions to offshore export cable routes.	COSW to consider and incorporate, as feasible, received feedback on offshore export cable routing.
Seascape, Landscape, and Visual Impact Assessment (SLVIA) Initial Protocol Review	BOEM	COSW discussed the SLVIA protocol and requested feedback.	COSW to consider and incorporate, as feasible, received feedback on the SLVIA protocol.



3.2.2 <u>Identification of Potential Project Effects Related to Parties</u>

N/A – potential effects related to the Project or Project activities were not raised by Agencies for COSW consideration during this reporting period. Potential effects discussed as it relates to the Project export cable routing are discussed in Section 3.2.3, below.

3.2.3 <u>Feedback from Parties on Export Cable Planning</u>

COSW continued the development of the export cable routing required to connect the wind farm into the electric grid and held individual agency meetings to review preliminary offshore export cable routing and to receive feedback. Feedback included:

- Avoid features, such as sand borrow areas, including a 500-meter buffer, Historic Area Remediation Site active dump site buffer, and artificial reef structures;
- Avoid or minimize routing through federally managed channels and anchorage areas, to the extent possible;
- Minimize routing through resources such as clams (offshore) and wetland habitats (onshore), to the extent practicable;
- Consider the location of federal and private navigation aids and maintain a buffer when crossing nearby; and
- Recommend co-located/bundled or shared routing between offshore export cable routes, to the extent practicable.

Where applicable, feedback was incorporated into the offshore export cable routing. Updating routing will be shared with the agencies when available to provide an overview of the changes made and to solicit further review and feedback.

3.2.4 <u>Anticipated or Scheduled Engagement Activities</u>

During the next reporting period, COSW anticipates the following engagement:

- COSW will continue to meet regularly with BOEM to provide Project updates.
- COSW will host the second bi-annual inter-agency meeting to provide a general update on the Project.
- COSW will provide an overview on the 1.3-GW Project provisionally awarded by NYSERDA in October 2023.
- COSW will continue engagement with the Agencies on the offshore export cable routing, to solicit feedback and recommendations.
- COSW will continue engagement with the Agencies to discuss protocols and methodologies for resource assessments to be developed in support of the COP.
- COSW will host meetings with the Agencies on the preliminary Project Design Envelope.



3.3 Summary of Other Stakeholder Engagement Activities

As noted in Lease Stipulation 3.1.1, COSW also engaged with other stakeholder parties that may be potentially affected by Project activities on the OCS, which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Coastal communities;
- Educational and research institutions;
- Environmental and public interest non-governmental organizations;
- Mariners and the maritime industry;
- Ocean users;
- Submarine cable operators; and,
- Underserved communities, as defined in Section 2 of Executive Order 13985.

3.3.1 <u>Overall Engagement Progress Since Last Report</u>

Since the submittal of the previous Progress Report dated April 30, 2023, COSW has continued outreach to a variety of stakeholders across our Project geography. Engagement strategies included in-person meetings, phone and video calls, information distribution, small group meetings, large group virtual and in-person presentations with multiple participants, as well as attendance at events, trade shows, and tours of stakeholder facilities. The Project team continues to take a broad approach to engagement with stakeholders in order to meet them where they are, leveraging opportunities for sponsorship and participation in local workforce and labor, environmental, educational, community, business and industry, and volunteerism events.

A summary of the engagement activities held with stakeholders is provided in Table 4, below. The primary focus of most meetings is to introduce COSW and provide regular updates on our progress.

3.3.2 Identification of Potential Project Effects Related to Parties

COSW has identified several categories of potential Project effects raised by stakeholders during this reporting period:

- <u>Ecological</u>: Potential effects of cable electromagnetic field (EMF); effects of survey equipment and construction on marine wildlife.
- <u>Workforce</u>: Raised the need for wraparound services to support workforce development, and access to job and contract opportunities, including for the justice-involved and formerly incarcerated.
- <u>Traffic</u>: Raised concerns over the impacts to traffic during onshore construction associated with offshore wind projects.



Focus of Discussion or Date(s) **Summary of Engagement** Follow-up Actions, Engagement Party(ies) Activities **Activities, Outcomes** May – October 2023 COSW Project and Lease Introductory and check in Numerous emails and meetings with Continuing conversations entities within the following sectors and engagement to emails sent Area. determine partnership have been sent: opportunities and to keep Workforce Development • lines of communication Agencies open as the Project Universities and Educational • progresses. Institutions • Environmental nongovernmental organizations Community based organizations ٠ Environmental Justice groups ٠ Chambers of Commerce • Members of clergy • Alliance for Clean Energy May 2, 2023 Engaged with multiple attendees. Discussed Lease Area, Follow-up meetings were NY Lobby Day Albany Project, and timeline. set up with interested attendees. Long Island Association May 2, 2023 Engaged with multiple community Discussed Lease Area, Follow-up meetings were Event - COSW Sponsor Project, and timeline. set up with interested members. attendees. **Brooklyn Chamber Event** May 2, 2023 Engaged with multiple community Discussed Lease Area, Follow-up meetings were Project, and timeline. set up with interested members. attendees.

Table 4Engagement with Other Parties During Reporting Period



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Date(s)	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
Sustainability Summit - NJ	May 5, 2023	Engaged with multiple community members.	Discussed Lease Area, Project, and timeline.	Follow-up meetings were set up with interested attendees.
Riverkeeper Sweeps Cleanup - Newburgh	May 6, 2023	Engaged with multiple community members.	Cleaned river and discussed COSW with other attendees and ENGO groups	Will continue to support where we can
Waterfront Alliance Conference – New York League of Conservation Voters Gala	May 8, 2023	Booth and Panel Moderator Sponsor and Attendee	Discussed Lease Area, Project, and timeline.	Follow up meetings were set up.
Marine Rescue Center Oceans of Hope	May 12, 2023	Engaged with multiple attendees	Discussed Lease Area, Project, and timeline.	Follow up meetings and conversations.
Junior Achievement Women's Future Leadership Academy	May 12, 2023	Spoke to young women about careers in energy and offshore wind	Engaged multiple students	Follow up emails with event organizers
Red Hook Initiative Spring Into Community event	May 31, 2023	Sponsor and Booth	Engaged multiple community members and served food	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Date(s)	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
Newark Environmental Justice (EJ) Event with Ironbound	June 3, 2023	Attendee/Booth	Engaged multiple attendees/community members	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
Southwest Brooklyn Industrial Development Corporation Sunset Swing	June 6, 2023	Attendee	Engaged multiple attendees	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
Junior Achievement Inspire Career Fair Atlantic Cape Community College, Mays Landing	June 6, 2023	Booth	Engaged multiple attendees	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
Orange County Partnership "Most Valuable Partner" Breakfast Villa Venezia	June 6, 2023	Attendee	Engaged multiple attendees and students	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
NJ Chamber Open House in Trenton	June 8, 2023	Attendee	Engaged multiple attendees	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
World Ocean Day – clean up and kick off of Beach Club program at NY Aquarium	June 10, 2023	Attendee and Sponsor/Booth	Engaged multiple attendees	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Date(s)	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
NJ League of Conservation Voters Gala – Somerset Park	June 12, 2023	Sponsor/Attendee	COSW Project and Lease Area	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
EJ Meeting with Clergy at Messiah Baptist Church	June 13, 2023	Attendee	COSW Project and Lease Area	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
New York League of Conservation Voters Gala Breakfast	June 13, 2023	Attendee	COSW Project and Lease Area	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
NJ Alliance for Action for Offshore Wind	June 14, 2023	Attendee	COSW Project and Lease Area	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
Association for a Better Long Island Event	June 14, 2023	Attendee	COSW Project and Lease Area.	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
NJ African American Chamber Business Expo – Juneteenth Event	June 15, 2023	Sponsor and Attendee	Engaged Members	Continued regular engagement with various stakeholders



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Date(s)	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
Statewide Seafood Donation in NJ	June 2023	Donated 5,800 pounds of fresh, locally sourced fish and over 13,000 cans of clam chowder were donated to 10 hunger relief organizations across the state in partnership with NJ-based seafood processors.	Engagement and Community Effort	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
Brooklyn Chamber Energy Summit – Dock 72 Brooklyn Navy Yard	June 22, 2023	Attendee	Engaged multiple attendees	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
Staten Island Chamber Gala - Ice Cream Truck Sponsor	June 23, 2023	Sponsor and Booth	COSW Project and Lease Area	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
New York City (NYC) Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Event tabling Staten Island Ferry Hawk minor league baseball game	June 24, 2023	Booth	COSW Project and Lease Area	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
Offshore Wind Drinks in NYC – Host Committee Member	June 29, 2023	Attendee and Booth	COSW Project and Lease Area	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders



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Orange County Partnership - Newburgh Happy Hour	June 29, 2023	Attendee	COSW Project and Lease Area	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
Huntington Rotary Oyster Volunteering	Summer 2023	Engage with multiple attendees	Volunteered, Oyster Restoration	Continued engagement with stakeholders
Newark EJ tour and community leaders meeting - Ironbound	July 11, 2023	Engage with multiple Ironbound staff members	EJ bus Tour of Newark	Follow up meetings and engagements
What's Brewin Offshore	July 11, 2023	Booth	Discuss Lease Area, Project, and timeline	Follow up with interested attendees
Orange Co. Partnership Construction in the New Clean Energy Economy	July 12, 2023	Engage with multiple attendees	Spoke to attendees about MWBE, Community work, WFD.	Follow up meetings with interested attendees
All Things Are Possible (ATAP) Fish Fry Event	July 13, 2023	Engaged community members	Donated 100 fish fry meals to community members	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities
Waterfront Alliance City of Water Day	July 15, 2023	Weequahic Creek and Resilience, Education, Training, and Innovation (RETI) Center	Discussed Lease Area, Project timeline, and training/workforce needs	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities and to keep



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Date(s)	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
				lines of communication open as the Project progresses
Hofstra NYSERDA Educator's Institute – Panel Speaker	July 20, 2023	Penal speaker	Discussed Lease Area, Project timeline, and training/workforce needs	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities.
New Jersey Manufacturing Extension Program Golf Outing	July 21, 2023	Other local affiliate unions and manufacturers	Supply chain	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities and to keep lines of communication open as the Project progresses
Elsinboro Summer Camp	July 26, 2023	School	Wind activity with students in Salem	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities and to keep lines of communication open as the Project progresses
Joseph Shimiko Foundation	July 26, 2023	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and other local affiliate unions	Event in NJ with IBEW	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Date(s)	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
				opportunities and to keep lines of communication open as the Project progresses
Executive Officials to Protect America Wind Conference, virtual	July 30-31, 2023	Attendee	Discussed Lease Area, Project timeline, and training/workforce needs	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities
National Night Out – NY and NJ	August 1, 2023	Booths at both events in Salem and Hempstead	Discussed Lease Area, Project timeline, and training/workforce needs	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities
REcharge Academy	August 2-3, 2023	Kind Wind competition dinner sponsor and Advisory Member meeting	Engaged with teachers and NJ industry partners.	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities
Offshore Wind Drinks in Patchogue	August 3, 2023	Booth	Discussed Lease Area, Project timeline, and training/workforce needs	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities
Chamber of Commerce of Southern New Jersey - Summer Soiree at the Ocean Casino Resort	August 3, 2023	Attendee	Discussed Lease Area, Project timeline, and training/workforce needs	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities



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NJ Southern Chamber Good Morning South Jersey Series at The Legacy Club	August 8, 2023	Attendee	Discussed Lease Area, Project timeline, and training/workforce needs	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities
Chamber of Commerce of Southern NJ-Energy Committee Meeting.	August 9, 2023	Member meeting	Discussed business needs, WFD, MWBE support, energy	Email and meeting follow ups
ATAP Fishing Field Trip Bogan's Basin in Brielle, NJ	August 10, 2023	ATAP and COSW Staff	Brought children from the ATAP foundation to Brielle on a fishing charter	Continuing engagements with ATAP
Monmouth Co. Alliance for Action - Larrabee Tri Collector	August 14, 2023	Attendee	Discussed Lease Area, Project timeline, and training/workforce needs	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities
Community Day – New Windsor	August 19, 2023	Booth at event in New Windsor	Engaged with community members and residents	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities
Lower Alloway Creek – Consortium Salem Community College	August 22, 2023	Labor Manager presented at meeting	Engaged with other members of consortium	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities



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NY State Fair	August 26, 2023	Brought community van to Fair and engaged at Booth	Engaged residents in NY, answered questions	N/A
NY Aquarium Beach Club Starts today	August 26, 2023	Sponsoring Brooklyn families to attend Beach Club for free	Educating families about marine life and climate change,	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities
Brooklyn Chamber Economic Development Breakfast and Washington, DC legislative visits	August 28, 2023	Brooklyn Chamber	Discussed Lease Area, Project timeline, and training/workforce needs	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities
Time to Scale Up: Keystone Energy Efficiency Alliance (KEEA) and Energy Efficiency Alliance (EEA)- NJ's 12th Annual Policy Conference	September 6, 2023	KEEA and EEA	Discussed Lease Area, Project timeline, and training/workforce needs	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities
Paulsboro Day	September 9, 2023	Booth at event	Engaged with mayor and residents of Paulsboro	Follow up meeting with Mayor and Timi Lindsey
Global Transmission Report 7th Annual Offshore Wind Transmission NYC	September 14, 2023	Panel spot	Spoke at conference, engaged with attendees	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Date(s)	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
Atlantic Marine Conservation Society (AMSEAS) Gala	September 14, 2023	AMSEAS, Citizens Campaign for the Environment, other stakeholders	Sponsored event, COSW Board Member	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities
150 th Anniversary Chamber of Commerce Southern NJ Battleship	September 14, 2023	Attendee	Discussed Lease Area, Project timeline, and training/workforce needs	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities
Billion Oyster Party	September 22, 2023	Donated 5 tickets to Fisheries partner	Donation	N/A
Stand up for Salem Dinner	September 27, 2023	Attendee	Engaged attendees and Salem community members	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities
Citizens Campaign Gala	September 27, 2023	Sponsor and donated seats to stakeholders	Engaged with attendees	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities
Mid-Atlantic States Career and Education Center (MASCEC) Hunger Action Month seafood distribution	September 29, 2023	Donated 200 bags of fresh seafood for Hunger Action month	Donation and attended distribution event	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities



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Operation Splash Field Trips	October 2023	Uniondale Students and teachers	Donated field trips to 3 rd grade students to learn about climate change and marine life	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities
American Clean Power in Boston	October 2, 2023	Sponsored and attended	Engaged attendees and suppliers	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities
Volunteer event with New England Center and Home For Veterans	October 3, 2023	Donated and put together 100 care packages for veterans	Agency spoke to employees about volunteerism and needs for veterans	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities
New Jersey Manufacturing Extension Program Manufacturing Day event	October 6, 2023	Attendee	Engaged suppliers and manufacturers, Minority or Women-owned businesses	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities
Meet Each Need with Dignity Gala	October 7, 2023	Attendee	Engaged multiple stakeholders and supported our partner Meet Each Need with Dignity	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Date(s)	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
American Association of Community College – Event Hempstead Town Hall	October 10, 2023	Attendee	Attended	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities
NJLCV Roundtable	October 10, 2023	Attendee	Attended	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities
Manufacturing Day with Composite Pro at Cradle of Aviation	October 11, 2023	Booth	Engaged multiple high school students and educators on offshore wind, had virtual reality headsets for students to learn about welding and other careers.	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities
Long Island Energy Conference	October 12, 2023	Attended	Engaged multiple stakeholders	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities
Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions Environmental Congress at Mercer County Community College Conference Center	October 13, 2023	Booth	Attended and engaged numerous attendees	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Date(s)	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
Long Island Association Fall Luncheon	October 13, 2023	Attended	Attended and engaged numerous attendees	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities
Greenfest in Newark	October 14, 2023	Booth	Attended event at Newark Symphony Hall	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities
Operation Splash Grand Avenue Elementary School for boat trip	October 17, 2023	Attended	Attended and engaged students and teachers while on boat	Continuing conversations and engagement with Splash
RETI Center	October 18, 2023	Presented to students at Center	Attended and engaged students who had questions about offshore wind	Continuing conversations and engagement with RETI
WE ACT Gala	October 18, 2023	Sponsored and attended	Attended and engaged numerous attendees	Continuing conversations and engagement with WE ACT
Long Beach Latino Gala Bridgeview Yacht Club	October 19, 2023	Sponsored and attended	Attended and engaged numerous attendees	Continuing conversations and engagement with Long Beach Latino Civic



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Date(s)	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
Suffolk County Arena – Manufacturing Day	October 19, 2023	Attended and had Booth	Attended and engaged students who had questions about offshore wind	Continuing conversations and engagement with County
Waterfront Alliance (WA) Heroes of Harbor Jersey City	October 19, 2023	Attended and sponsored, donated tickets to stakeholders	Attended and engaged numerous attendees	Continuing conversations and engagement with WA
Uniondale Breakfast at High School	October 20, 2023	Attended	Attended and engaged numerous attendees about our Uniondale programs with Splash and Citizens Campaign for the Environment	Continuing conversations and engagement with Uniondale
NJ Env Lobby reception Liberty House Restaurant;	October 20, 2023	Donated all tickets back to interns at organization	Ad and Info out about COSW	Continuing conversations and engagement with NJ Environmental Lobby
New York Association of Training and Employment Professionals and NYSEDC Workforce and Economic Development Conference	October 23, 2023	Attending and put together panel	Attended and engaged numerous attendees	Continuing conversations and engagement



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Cradle of Aviation Museum Kid Wind Competition	October 25, 2023	Sponsored, judged, providing opportunity to students from Title 1 schools on Long Island	Attended and engaged numerous attendees	Continuing conversations and engagement
Waterfront Alliance Corp Council Launch event	October 26, 2023	Corporate council member	Attended and engaged other members	Discuss status of projects and offshore wind
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) career expo Cradle of Aviation Museum 11 th and 12 th graders	October 30, 2023	Booth and activity for students at event	Attended and engaged students	Continuing engagement with Cradle of Aviation Museum



3.3.3 <u>Feedback from Parties on Export Cable Planning</u>

COSW continued the development of the export cable routing required to connect the wind farm into the electric grid. The Project team is actively engaging with stakeholders as part of its export cable route investigation and survey planning and is working to incorporate feedback and recommendations into the export cable planning process. At this stage in development, COSW has heard concerns from stakeholders centered around the potential traffic impacts for any potential onshore routes.

3.3.4 Anticipated or Scheduled Engagement Activities

During the next reporting period, COSW anticipates the following engagement:

- COSW will continue to release monthly newsletters via email.
- COSW will continue outreach and coordination with all stakeholder groups, included but not limited to federal, state, and local government stakeholders, labor unions, community, and environmental groups.
- COSW will continue to participate in conferences, community forums, stakeholder events and activities/events to educate stakeholders and communities.
- COSW will continue to develop relationships within the communities our Project will impact.



4 Survey Plan(s) Activities

Since the submittal of the previous Progress Report dated April 30, 2023, COSW received an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) from NOAA Fisheries. The IHA and supporting documentation is posted on NOAA Fisheries website is available for public review. The IHA is for the use of geophysical survey equipment (i.e., sparker) to support site assessment and characterization activities within the Lease Area and export cable routes; as the export cable routes were not finalized at the time of application submittal, an export cable study area was shown to provide the general location of where survey activities are proposed.

COSW also received approval from BOEM on the 2023 High-Resolution Geophysical and Geotechnical Survey Plan. The 2023 Survey Plan proposes additional geophysical and preliminary geotechnical survey activities within the Lease Area and export cable routes. Activities under the 2023 Survey Plan commenced in September 2023 and are anticipated to continue through Q2 2024.

Preliminary geophysical survey activities approved under the 2022 High-Resolution Geophysical Survey Plan also continued and are anticipated to go through the remainder of 2023.

Data collected under both the 2022 Survey Plan and the 2023 Survey Plan will support the development of the COP and associated appendices (including the Marine Archaeological Resource Assessment), and the technical and engineering design of the Project.

Additional information on COSW's survey activities can be found on the fisheries page on our website: <u>https://communityoffshorewind.com/fisheries</u>

A summary of COSW's anticipated survey activities is provided in Table 5, below.



Type of Survey	Survey Activity Date or Proposed Date	Location Description
Preliminary geophysical survey (2022 Survey Plan)	January 2023	Lease Area and export cable routes
Preliminary geotechnical survey (2022 Survey Plan)	August 2023	Lease Area and export cable routes
Additional geophysical survey (2023 Survey Plan)	September 2023	Lease Area and export cable routes
Additional geotechnical survey (TBD)	TBD	Lease Area

Table 5Survey Plan Activities under BOEM Review or Underway



Appendix A Tribes and Other Parties Relevant to the Project

Name of Tribe	Party Type(s)
Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma	FTribe
Delaware Nation	FTribe
Delaware Tribe of Indians	FTribe
Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma	FTribe
Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation	FTribe
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe	FTribe
Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut	FTribe
Narragansett Indian Tribe	FTribe
Shawnee Tribe	FTribe
Shinnecock Indian Nation	FTribe
Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians	FTribe
Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head-Aquinnah	FTribe
Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation	STribe
Powhatan Renape Nation	STribe
Ramapough Lenape Nation	STribe
Unkechaug Nation	STribe

Table A-1Tribes and Tribal Nations Relevant to the Project



Table A-2Parties Relevant to the Project

Name of Party	Party Type(s)	
Commercial and Recreational Fishing		
Commercial Scallop Fishery	CFish	
Commercial Surfclam Fishery	CFish	
Commercial Gillnet Fishery (Monkfish, Dogfish)	CFish	
Commercial Lobster Fishery	CFish	
Commercial Trawl Fishery	CFish	
Commercial Longline Fishery (Tilefish)	CFish	
Commercial Fishing Associations	CFish	
Commercial Seafood Processors	CFish	
Commercial Industry Services	CFish	
NY For-hire Headboat Fisheries	RFish	
NJ For-hire Headboat Fisheries	RFish	
NY For-hire Charter Boat Fisheries	RFish	
NJ For-hire Charter Boat Fisheries	RFish	
NY Private Recreational Anglers	RFish	
NJ Private Recreational Anglers	RFish	
NY Recreational Fishing Organizations	RFish	
NJ Recreational Fishing Organizations	RFish	
NY Recreational Bait and Tackle Shops or Industry	RFish	
NJ Recreational Bait and Tackle Shops or Industry	RFish	
Regional Fishery Management Councils	RFMC	
New England Fishery Management Council	RFMC	
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council	RFMC	
Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission	RFMC	
Academic and Research Institutions or Programs	AR	
Responsible Offshore Development Alliance	CFish	
Federal and State Agencies		
ВОЕМ	FA	
Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement	FA	
USACE	FA	
NOAA Fisheries	FA	
USEPA	FA	
USFWS	FA	
USCG	FA	
Department of Defense	FA	
National Park Service	FA	



Name of Party	Party Type(s)
NYSDOS	SA
NYSDEC	SA
NYSDPS	SA
NYSDOT	SA
NJDEP	SA
Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	SA
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management	SA
Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries	SA
Maryland Department of Natural Resources	SA
Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control	SA
North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries	SA
Virginia Marine Resources Commission	SA
Other Ocean Users	
NYB Subsea Cable Owners and Operators	SCO
North Atlantic Submarine Cable Association	SCO
National Environmental Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)	NGO
NY Environmental NGOs	NGO
NJ Environmental NGOs	NGO
Oceana	NGO
Citizens Campaign for the Environment	NGO
The Nature Conservancy	NGO
Defenders of Wildlife	NGO
National Wildlife Federation	NGO
Sierra Club	NGO
Natural Resources Defense Council	NGO
National Audubon Society	NGO
Surfrider Foundation	NGO
Wildlife Conservation Society	NGO
NY League of Conservation Voters	NGO
NJ League of Conservation Voters	NGO
Scenic Hudson	NGO
Riverkeeper	NGO
Waterfront Alliance	NGO
RETI Center	NGO
Local Initiatives Support Corporation NY	NGO
Environment NJ	NGO
Sustainable NJ	NGO
Coalition of Environmentally Responsible Economies	NGO



Name of Party	Party Type(s)
NY Environmental Justice Groups	EJG
Long Island Environmental Justice Groups	EJG
Brooklyn Environmental Justice Groups	EJG
NY Environmental Justice Groups	EJG
Staten Island Environmental Justice Groups	EJG
NJ Environmental Justice Groups	EJG
Monmouth County Environmental Justice Groups	EJG
Ocean County Environmental Justice Groups	EJG
WE ACT	EJG
UPROSE	EJG
Academic and Research Institutions or Programs	ERI
NY Community Colleges	ERI
NJ Community Colleges	ERI
State University New York	ERI
Stony Brook University	ERI
Cornell University	ERI
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	ERI
Monmouth University	ERI
NYSERDA	ERI
NJ Research and Monitoring Initiative	ERI
Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative	ERI
Responsible Offshore Science Alliance	ERI
National Offshore Wind Research and Development Consortium	ERI
NY Marine Rescue Center	ERI
NY Aquarium	ERI
Industry Groups	IG
American Clean Power	IG
Business Network for Offshore Wind	IG
Maritime Industry/Mariners	М
American Waterways Operators	М
World Shipping Council	М
State Working Groups	SWG
NYSERDA Environmental Technical Working Group	SWG
NYSERDA Fisheries Technical Working Group	SWG
NYSERDA Maritime Technical Working Group	SWG
NJ Environmental Resources Offshore Wind Working Group	SWG
Chambers of Commerce	CCom
NJ Chamber of Commerce	Ccom



Name of Party	Party Type(s)
Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce	Ccom
Staten Island Chamber of Commerce	Ccom
Long Beach Chamber of Commerce	Ccom
NJ African American Chamber of Commerce	Ccom
NJ Sustainable Business Council	Ccom
Orange County Partnership	Ccom
Workforce Development Agencies	WDA
NY Community Based Organizations	CG
Spin The Yard	CG
Billion Oyster Project	CG
NYC Parks Stewardship	CG
BOC Network, Inc.	CG
Southwest Brooklyn Industrial Development Corporation	CG
Long Island Progressive Coalition	CG
The Wilkins Group	CG
NJ Community Based Organizations	CG
NY Coastal Communities	CC
Long Island Coastal Communities	CC
Brooklyn Coastal Communities	CC
NYC Coastal Communities	CC
Staten Island Coastal Communities	CC
NJ Coastal Communities	CC
Monmouth County Coastal Communities	CC
Ocean County Coastal Communities	CC
NY Underserved Communities	UC
Long Island Underserved Communities	UC
Brooklyn Underserved Communities	UC
NYC Underserved Communities	UC
Staten Island Underserved Communities	UC
NJ Underserved Communities	UC
Monmouth Underserved Coastal Communities	UC
Ocean County Underserved Communities	UC
NY Labor Unions	LU
NJ Labor Unions	LU
NY State Building and Construction Trades Council	LU
NJ State Building and Construction Trades Council	LU
NY State American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations	LU
NJ State American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations	LU



Name of Party	Party Type(s)
Long Island Federation of Labor	LU
Hudson Valley Building and Construction Trades	LU
Western NY Area Labor Federation	LU

Party types:

CC = Coastal Community Ccom = Chambers of Commerce CFish = Commercial Fishing Industry CG = Community Group EJG = Environmental Justice Groups ERI = Educational and Research Institutions FA = Federal Agency FTribe = Federally Recognized Tribe IG = Industry Group LU = Labor Union M = Maritime Industry/Mariners NGO = Environmental and Public Interest Non-Governmental Organizations NJ = New Jersey NY = New York RFish = Recreational Fishing Industry RFMC = Regional Fishery Management Councils and Commissions SA = State Agency SCO = Submarine Cable Operators STribe = State Recognized Tribe SWG = State Working Group UC = Underserved Community WDA = Workforce Development Agencies



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Table B-1Community Offshore Wind Points of Contact



Appendix C Communications Plans

Native American Tribes Communication Plan:

To be posted to the Community Offshore Wind website: https://communityoffshorewind.com/

Fisheries Communications Plan:

https://communityoffshorewind.com/-/media/Project/RWE/COffshoreWind/fisheries/COSW-fisheries-communications-plan-v2-2023-04-25.pdf

Agency Communication Plan:

https://communityoffshorewind.com/-/media/Project/RWE/COffshoreWind/documents/agencycommunications-plan-20230331.pdf